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Dear Sir/Madam

Police representations to the application to vary the premises licence at 'O'Estadio' 31A Station Road, NW10 4UP.

I certify that I have considered the application shown above and I wish to make representations that the likely effect of the grant of the application is detrimental to the Crime and Disorder Licensing Objective for the reasons indicated below.

Officer: Nicola McDoanld

## Licensing Constable157QK

An officer of the Metropolitan Police, in whose area the premises are situated, who is authorised for the purposes of exercising its statutory function as a 'Responsible Authority' under the Licensing Act 2003. Police representations are mainly connected with the prevention of crime and disorder and public safety.

The application has been made to vary the premises licence under section 34 of the Act.

This premises has had a premises licence since 2009 for licensable activities (supply of alcohol and recorded music) 0800 - 2300 hours daily and the times the premises are open to the public the same. This is a very small premise and has been operating as a restaurant since 2009.

On Wednesday 7th May 2014 at approximately 1pm I visited the premises. There was one male customer playing a gaming machine, and one member of staff. I introduced myself and showed my warrant card. The DPS Manuela Rodrigues was not present; the male member of staff was her husband Mr Almor Ferreira RODRIGUES. The previous occasion I visited the premises with employees from the gambling commission and Brent Licensing authority, was Friday 26th April 2013. On that occasion Mr RODRIGUES was working on the premises and two illegal gaming machines being operated on the premises were seized.

There has been building work at the premises to incorporate a rear garden. There is plastic sheeting making a roof on the garden with flags attached to decorate and obscure the roof from sight. There was evidence this area has been used for smoking, and therefore

breaching the smoking legislation. This garden is tiny and two of the gardens walls are joining residential accommodation. There were two windows in the external garden, one is for the kitchen of the premises and the other belongs to a residential property. I asked Mr RODRIGUES whose property that window belongs to, but he did not know. In my opinion this is not upholding the licensing objective of prevention of public nuisance. How can he intend to have drinking alcohol and entertainment in an area that a resident opens their window on to, without firstly consulting with them? I went out of the rear fire exit in to a service road and discovered there are several small flat roofed box shaped residential units adjoining the rear extension. One of the doors was ajar and I could see children's toys and a variety of shoes in the doorway. There were numerous other residential properties that were not adjoining.

In the rear garden I noticed a large steel drum BBQ and lighter fuel next to the fire exit. There was a table top football game, tables and chairs and signs of cigarette smoking. It would appear that the applicant is trying to use the premises more as a social club instead of a restaurant. Police do not believe the size of the premises with a rear garden designed specifically to breach legislation, surrounded so closely by residential units with extended hours for sales of alcohol and entertainment could uphold the licensing objectives.

I reserve the right to bring further evidence to the hearing should any arise between now and then.

Yours sincerely

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